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1. Prior to 6 December 1951, the 1st PS Bn in Hranice (II 51/P 19) was subordinate to the PS brigade in Cheb (II 51/P 37), which was commanded by Senior Lieutenant Peprny (fmu). Peprny was the successor to Captain Marcin (fmu) who was detached to an officer school in the U.S.S.R. in the fall of 1951. Captain Marcin (fmu) succeeded Major Okrouhlik (fmu), who was assigned to Unit Utvar No 9600 in Prague in the spring of 1951. Staff Captain Jurik (fmu) was the administrative officer of the brigade.
2. The PS brigade, in turn, was subordinate to Unit Utvar No 9600 which was commanded by Colonel Ilavacek (fmu); Colonel Taus (fmu) was the political officer. (1) Also identified was a General Smoldas (fmu), who, according to rumors among the soldiers, was arrested in the fall of 1951. The PS brigade also included a labor platoon of about 100 men and an engineer platoon in Cheb, a motor transport platoon in Vojtanov, and another PS battalion in As (II 51/P 18).
3. The PS battalion in Hranice, Utvar No 6883, was commanded by Lieutenant Honys (fmu) and consisted of a headquarters of about 30 men in Hranice; two companies of about 50 men each in Trojmezi (II 51/P 19); one company in Krasnany controlling a border sector facing Bavaria to the left and the Soviet Zone of Germany to the right; one company in Pastviny (II 51/P 19); one company Utvar No 6889, P.O.B. 11/24i, in Ujezd (II 51/P 19); and one company Utvar No 6882, P.O.B. 15/24j, in Stitary (II 51/P 19). About 70 percent of the personnel were Czechs and 30 percent Slovaks. (2)
4. The company in Trojmezi was equipped with model 98 rifles, model 48-A and 48-B submachine guns, 5 to 7 model 26 light machine guns and 1 heavy machine gun. The company had 1 jeep and 1 motorcycle; the battalion 5 trucks and 1 prisoners' van; and the brigade about 15 trucks.

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5. The border sector was controlled primarily by posts having three soldiers each. In November 1951, the construction of a wire entanglement was started, a tracing strip was cleared, and trenches and machine gun emplacements were dug about 700 meters behind the border line.

Cesky Budejovice

- 6. Up to late January 1951, an infantry regiment, identified as Jana Zizky, was located in C. Budejovice (O 49/1 96). Its 1st Bn, commanded by Staff Captain Jerabek (fmu), was quartered in a barracks installation at the southwestern exit of Kaplice (O 49/1 93). The installation included about 20 buildings, mostly one-story, and was fenced in by barbed wire. Some officers' residences were built near the installation in late 1950. Source also learned that a tank unit and an artillery unit were stationed in C. Budejovice. In late December 1950, source observed 7 or 8 artillery pieces, each drawn by four horses. (3)

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Cesky Krumlov

7. In January 1951, an NCO school, commanded by Senior Lieutenant Krecek (fmu), was located in C. Krumlov (P 49/1 84). The school, which was quartered in a large compound north of the city and northwest of the railroad station, consisted of 1 infantry company, 1 submachine gun company, 1 heavy machine gun company, 1 mortar company with mortars of about 80 mm, 1 battery with about 10 x 45-mm guns and 1 battery with 3 heavy artillery pieces. The installation also quartered a motor transport unit with about 100 trucks, which did not belong to the school; one engineer unit with bridge construction material; and one cavalry unit of about 100 men. (4)

Moravská Ostrava

8. Prior to 16 September 1951, elements of the 3d Inf Regt, identified as Slezsky, were located in Mor. Ostrava (P 50/0 52). According to observations made by source and statements by one of source's relatives who served with this regiment, about 100 men were billeted in the former Bon Bosko cloister; about 100 men in a five-story barracks installation in the southeastern suburb Branechnik; and about 200 men in a compound consisting of several low brick buildings south-southwest of Mor. Ostrava, which was located in a wooded area on the westside of the road to Stara Bola, about 5 km south-southwest of Mor. Ostrava, and west of an airfield. (5)

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- (1) Another report mentioned General Smoldas (fmu) as the deputy commander of Unit Utvar No 9600.
- (2) The PS battalion in Brnice and its commanding officer, Lieutenant Jenys (fmu), are confirmed. The information on the companies substantially agrees with previous reports.
- (3) Another deserter stated, in November 1951, that a motorized AE battalion in C. Krumlov was subordinate to the Zizkov division. The identification of Jana Zizky is known only in connection with the 3d Inf Regt of the 3d Mts Div in Kromeritz. Units carried in C. Budejovice are the 1st Inf Regt and the 1st Inf Bn of the 3d Inf Regt (fmu). Captain Jerabek (fmu) was the political officer of this regiment until September 1949. The disposition of units in the Budejovice area has changed considerably, and it has not been determined whether the 1st Inf Div has been recognized into a motorized or a mechanized division, or whether there has been a large scale regrouping of units. [REDACTED]

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- (4) According to another report, this compound was occupied by an AT artillery battalion of the Zizkov Division, and by motorized infantry and tank troops. [redacted]
- (5) Reports prior to 1949 stated that the 8th Inf Bn, identified as Slezky, was located in Frydek-Myslek and was subordinate to the 7th Inf Div in Novo Jicin. Apparently, this brigade was reorganized into a division but did not leave its billeting area.

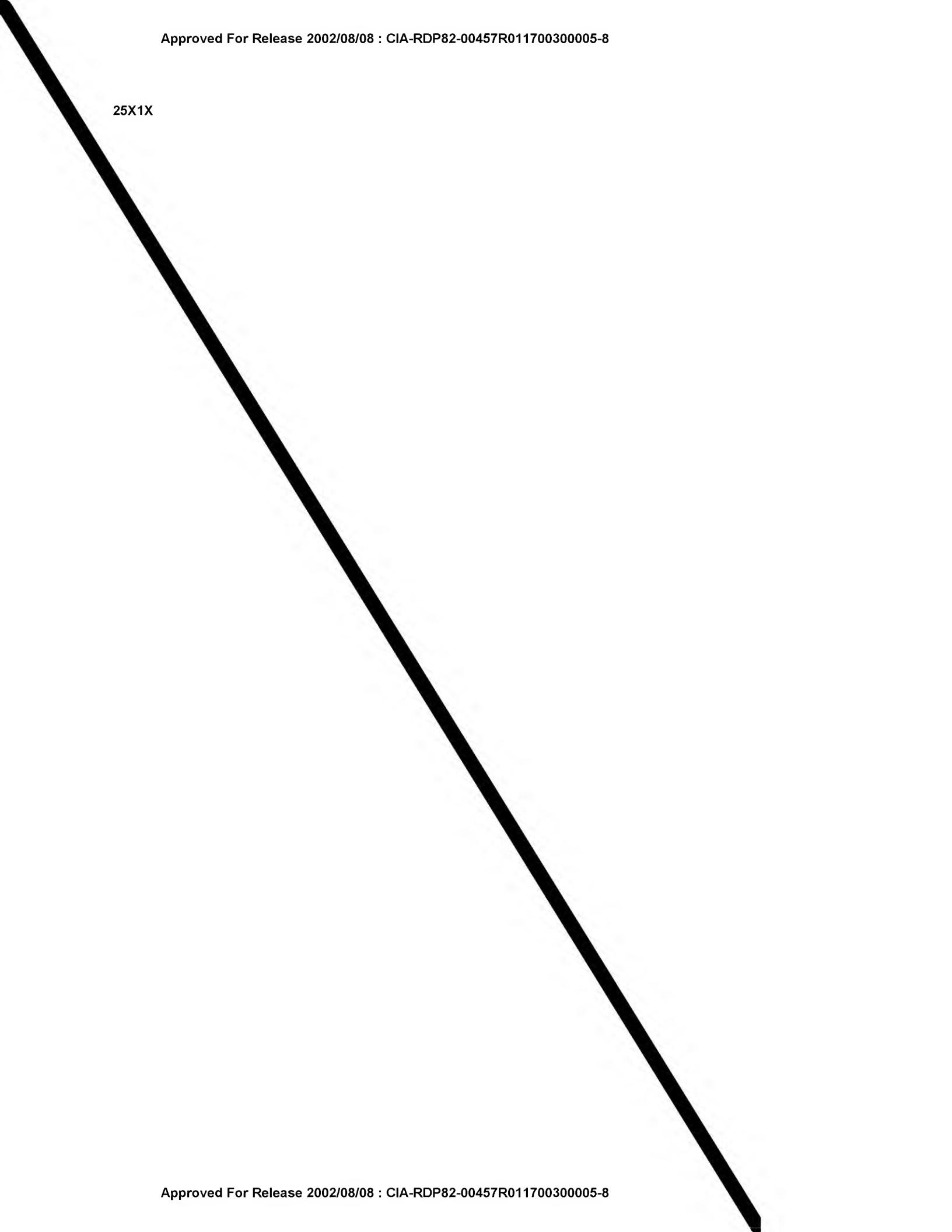
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